



FACT SHEET

SR 85 Santa Clara County Ramp Metering Project I-280 in Cupertino to U.S. 101 in Mountain View

The Project

Caltrans and its project partners Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) are working together on improving operations on State Route (SR) 85 in Santa Clara County. The improvements include the installation and activation of ramp meters at various locations.

Benefits

Ramp metering is a traffic management strategy using traffic signals and accompanying equipment and techniques to help manage onramp flow on the freeway system. Caltrans expects the ramp metering system to improve safety and travel times during the peak periods of heavy traffic along the corridor.

What to Expect

Ramp metering lights in the southbound direction will be activated for the P.M. peak commute hours of 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on January 14. During this time, the lights will be set to solid green for one week then begin metering on January 21 during the P.M. peak hours.

Metering lights in the northbound direction will be activated for the A.M. peak commute hours from 6 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on January 21. During this time, the lights will be set to solid green for one week then begin metering on January 28 during the A.M. peak hours.

What New Ramps will be Metered?

New ramp meters have been installed at 8 on-ramps in the northbound direction and 7 on-ramps in the southbound direction on SR 85 between SR 85/ I-280 IC, in Cupertino and the SR 85/US 101 IC in Mountain View. They include the following locations along SR 85:

1. Northbound SR 85 and SB I-280 Connector Loop On-ramp
 2. Northbound SR 85 and NB I-280/Stevens Creek Blvd Connector On-ramp
 3. Northbound SR 85 and Homestead Road Loop On-ramp
 4. Northbound SR 85 and Fremont Avenue Diagonal On-ramp
 5. Northbound SR 85 and SB SR 82 (El Camino Real) Loop On-ramp
 6. Northbound SR 85 and NB SR 82 (El Camino Real) Diagonal On-ramp
 7. Northbound SR 85 and EB SR 237 Connector Loop On-ramp
 8. Northbound SR 85 and Easy Street-Central Expressway Diagonal On-ramp
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1. Southbound SR 85 and Shoreline Blvd Collector On-ramp
 2. Southbound SR 85 and Moffett Blvd Loop On-ramp
 3. Southbound SR 85 and Evelyn Avenue Diagonal On-ramp
 4. Southbound SR 85 and NB SR 82 (El Camino Real) Loop On-ramp
 5. Southbound SR 85 and SB SR 82 (El Camino Real) Diagonal On-ramp
 6. Southbound SR 85 and Fremont Avenue Diagonal On-ramp
 7. Southbound SR 85 and NB I-280 Connector Loop On-ramp

Existing ramp meters have been in operation on SCL85 since 1994 on the southern section of Route 85 from the 101/85 Interchange in South San Jose to the Stevens Creek Blvd On-ramp in Cupertino. These new meters will extend that system of meters into the northern section of Route 85.

Project Updates:

Go to our new Caltrans SR 85 Santa Clara County Metering webpage at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/projects2/85rampmetering/>

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